Backlog of reserved vacancies

1050. VEN'BLE DHAMMAVIRIYO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Dr. Ambedkar Birth Centenary Celebrations Committee recommended to fill the backlog of vacancies reserved for the SCs/STs in 1993;

(b) if so, the action taken thereon and results achieved, if any;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the number of vacancies reserved for SCs/STs which remained unfilled as on 01-01-1993 in Class I, II, III and IV category under the Ministry of Finance and its autonomous/statutory/attached offices and action taken to fill these vacancies; and

(e) the backlog of vacancies for the SCs/STs in all grades as on 29th August, 1997?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Grim financial scenario

1051. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the news item "Slowdown takes toll on Budget targets" appearing in the Economic Times dated 2nd June, 2001;

(b) if so, whether Government share the perceptions of grim financial scenario for 2001-02 as highlighted in the news item; and

(c) if answer to part (b) above is in the affirmative, the corrective measures proposed to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Government does not share the pessimistic scenario